

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

Annual Meeting Recap

AATS Week 2014 was a tremendous success, beginning with the 2014 AATS Aortic Symposium and concluding with the 94th Annual AATS Meeting. The Aortic Symposium took place in New York City on April 24-25 with a record attendance of over 1100 registrants while the Annual Meeting, which took place from April 26-30 in Toronto, attracted over 2650 cardiothoracic surgeons and other professionals specializing in the care of cardiothoracic patients.

The week included a number of well-received innovative programmatic additions including new breakfast sessions at the Aortic Symposium, an Annual Meeting Legends Luncheon on Sunday, and Masters of Surgery Video Session on Wednesday. The full Webcast of the Annual Meeting program is currently available on the AATS Web site (www.aats.org).

Rounding out the educational experience was the exhibit area, which featured a new “Surgeon of the Future” exhibit, Moderated and Allied Health scientific posters, the AATS Learning Center, and a Product Theater that provided attendees with a variety of unique interactive opportunities.

Highlights of the meeting included

- The Presidential Address, “*Clarity of Purpose, Focus Attention: The Essence of Excellence*” by Dr David Sugarbaker.
- The Basic Science Lecture by Ms Margaret Moore entitled “*Organize Your Mind in the Operating Room*”
- The Honored Speaker Lecture, “*The One Day Contract*” by Coach Rick Pitino.
- A Saturday luncheon symposium by Dr Delos M. Cosgrove entitled “*The Development of a Surgeon.*”
- Sunday “*Legends Luncheons*” including Drs Aldo Castaneda, Alain Carpentier, and F. Griffith Pearson.
- Dr Frederick Y. Chen of Brigham and Women’s Hospital received the Dwight C. McGoon Award, which is given annually by the Thoracic Surgery Residents Association (TSRA) for “Excellence in Resident Education.”
- The 17th Annual C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum Award was presented to Dr Olugbenga Okusanya of the University of Pennsylvania for his outstanding abstract submission, manuscript preparation, and presentation.

To see more meeting highlights, view the *AATS Daily News* at <http://www.thoracicsurgerynews.com/aats-annual-meeting.html>, the one-stop source for all of the Toronto meeting coverage.

At its Annual Executive Session on April 29th, Dr Pedro J. del Nido was inducted as the Association’s 95th President.

Additionally, the AATS Membership elected the following members to positions within the AATS Council.

- Dr Joseph S. Coselli of Houston, TX, President-Elect;
- Dr Thoralf M. Sundt III of Boston, MA, Vice President;
- Dr Mark R. Moon of St. Louis, MO, Secretary;
- Dr Duke E. Cameron of Baltimore, MD, Treasurer; and
- Dr David R. Jones of New York, NY as Councilor, joining Drs David Adams, J. William Gaynor, Jose Pomar, David J. Sugarbaker, and Lars G. Svensson to form the 2014-2015 AATS Council.

The membership endorsed the following actions based on the recommendations of the Council:

- Approved the selection of Dr Richard D. Weisel as the new *JTCVS* Editor, effective January 1, 2015, to succeed Dr Lawrence H. Cohn after his seven years of service.
- Establishment of an AATS Video Committee to assist the Abstract and Didactic Committees in the Annual Meeting submission and review process.
- Formation of an AATS Guidelines Committee to lead the Association in developing official AATS Guidelines on a yearly basis.
- Establishment of a stand-alone AATS Cardiovascular Valve Symposium being held this September 4-6 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- Creation of an AATS Clinical Trials Methods Course to be held this October 23-25 in Chicago, IL.
- Holding the third AATS Focus on Thoracic surgery course this November 21-22 in Boston, MA, which will address novel technologies in lung cancer.
- Conducting the third AATS Mitral Conclave on April 23-24, 2015, which will again be chaired by Dr David Adams.
- Continued joint activities with EACTS, ESTS, ASCVTS, TCT, APACVS, PASCATS, Duke University, Florida Valve, All Children’s Hospital, and FACTS-Care.
- Amended the by-laws for the CT Residents, Graham Fellowship, Research Scholarship, and SAGR Committees.
- Continued planning for the celebration of the association’s 100th anniversary during the Boston meeting in 2017 under the direction of the Centennial Committee chaired by Dr Marc Moon. As part of that activity, “Perspectives” articles have been appearing in the *JTCVS*, outlining the contributions of all past presidents of the Association. Additionally, an official logo has been selected and will be integrated into marketing materials in the coming months.
- **Elected the following thirty-seven surgeons to Active membership**
 - Prasad S. Adusumilli, MD, *New York, New York*
 - Cem H. Alhan, MD, *Istanbul, Turkey*

- Matthew Bacchetta, MD, *New York, New York*
- Clifford W. Barlow, MD, *Southampton, United Kingdom*
- Emre Belli, MD, *Le Plessis-Robinson, France*
- Mark F. Berry, MD, *Durham, North Carolina*
- Jay K. Bhama, MD, *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*
- Shanda H. Blackmon, MD, *Houston, Texas*
- Joanna Chikwe, MD, *New York, New York*
- Ufuk Demirkilic, MD, *Ankara, Turkey*
- Jessica S. Donington, MD, *New York, New York*
- Alessandro Giamberti, MD, *San Donato Milanese, Italy*
- Peter J. Gruber, MD, *Salt Lake City, Utah*
- T. Sloane Guy, MD, *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*
- Michael E. Halkos, MD, *Atlanta, Georgia*
- Jianxing He, MD, *Guangzhou, China*
- David P. Jenkins, MD, *Cambridge, United Kingdom*
- Sunjay Kaushal, MD, *Baltimore, Maryland*
- Minoo N. Kavarana, MD, *Charleston, South Carolina*
- Bob Kiaii, MD, *Arva, ON, Canada*
- Anthony W. Kim, MD, *New Haven, Connecticut*
- Young T. Kim, MD, *Seoul, Republic of Korea*
- Charles T. Klodell, MD, *Gainesville, Florida*
- Christoph Knosalla, MD, *Berlin, Germany*
- Christopher J. Knott-Craig, MD, *Memphis, Tennessee*
- John R. Liddicoat, MD, *Mounds View, Minnesota*
- Andrew J. Lodge, MD, *Durham, North Carolina*
- S. Chris Malaisrie, MD, *Chicago, Illinois*
- Joseph T. McGinn, MD, *Staten Island, New York*
- Michael E. Mitchell, MD, *Milwaukee, Wisconsin*
- T. Brett Reece, MD, *Aurora, Colorado*
- Nabil Rizk, MD, *New York, New York*
- Gu Tianxiang, MD, *Shenyang, China*
- Alper Toker, MD, *Istanbul, Turkey*
- Ching Tzao, MD, *Taipei, Taiwan*
- Thomas J. Watson, MD, *Rochester, New York*
- Dennis A. Wigle, MD, *Rochester, Minnesota*

Please make plans to attend AATS Week 2015, beginning with the Mitral Conclave in New York City on April 23-24 and followed by the 95th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery in Seattle, WA, on April 25-29.

The AATS Welcomes You to Submit Your Abstract and Videos for AATS Week 2015

2015 Mitral Conclave

Program Director:

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Tirone E. David

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Abstract/Video Deadline: Sunday, January 4, 2015, by 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.

Submission of Abstracts and Case Videos

The AATS welcomes you to submit your Abstracts and Videos to the **MITRAL CONCLAVE 2015**. Specific instructions for abstract and video submission are located on the Web site at www.aats.org/mitral.

Accepting Abstracts and Videos in the following categories:

- Degenerative Valve Disease
- Mitral Regurgitation in Heart Failure
- Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation
- Rheumatic Mitral Valve Disease
- Mitral Valve Endocarditis
- Congenital Mitral Valve Disease
- Other Mitral Valve Disease
- Mitral Repair Techniques & Strategies
- Mitral Valve Replacement
- Long-Term Outcomes
- Atrial Fibrillation in Mitral Valve Disease
- Tricuspid Valve Diseases
- Tricuspid Valve Repair
- Mitral & Tricuspid Valve Reoperations
- Mitral Annular Calcification, Abscess, or Disruption
- Imaging of Mitral Valve Disease
- Challenging Clinical Cases
- Minimally Invasive & Robotic Mitral Valve Repair
- Transcatheter Mitral Valve Therapies
- Mitral Valve Modeling
- From Bench to Bedside: Mitral Valve Research

95th Annual Meeting

Abstract & Case Video Submission Deadline:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time.

Submission of Abstracts and Case Videos

The AATS welcomes you to submit your Abstracts and Case Videos to the **95th ANNUAL MEETING**. Specific instructions for abstract and video submission are located on the Web site at www.aats.org/annualmeeting.

Presentation Types include:

- Regular Session (*Plenary and Simultaneous Sessions*)
- Laboratory Research Fora (*Cardiac Surgery and General Thoracic Surgery*)
- Emerging Technologies and Techniques Forum
- C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum